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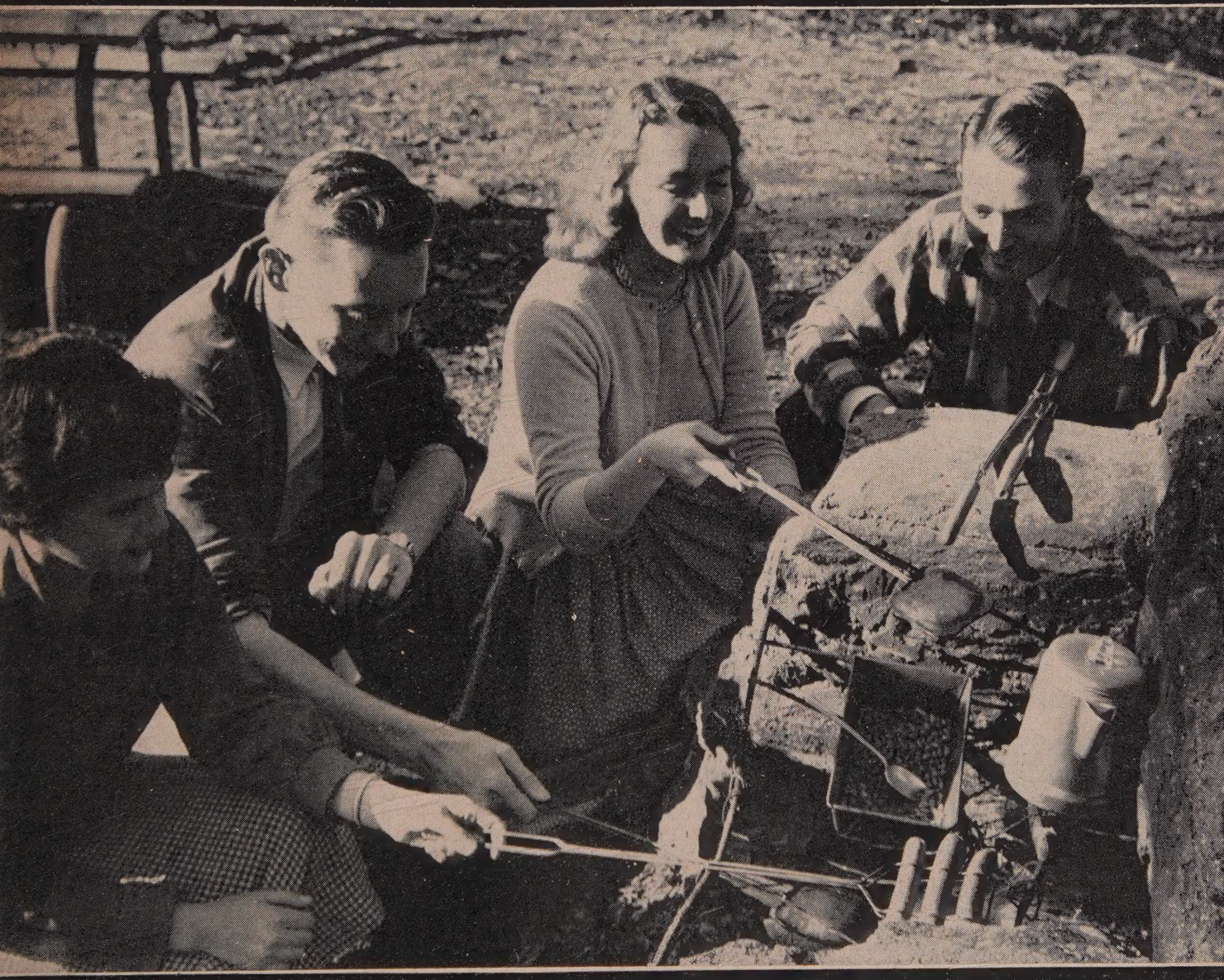

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Readers Say—

The DAR Speaks Out

To the Editor:

Evangelicals should rejoice to know that important groups outside our circle are beginning to realize the menace of the leftist social teachings of the National Council of Churches. Why has *Action* magazine failed to note the courageous declaration of the recent national convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution? I am enclosing a copy in the hope you will print it in an early issue.

MARY JONES

Washington, D.C.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: We print the exact wording as our source has given it:

WHEREAS, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., formerly the Federal Council of Churches, claims to represent and speak for 37 million Protestant church members and 35 denominations, and has brought into its member churches a vast network of collectivism; and

WHEREAS, the official pronouncements of the National Council of Churches have dealt with political, racial, economic, and socialistic matters in violation of the principle of the separation of Church and State, such as opposition to the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, support of increased appropriations for foreign aid, support of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), International Labor Organization for Trade Co-operation (OTC), Federal Aid to Education, opposition to Congressional investigations of subversion, and the promotion of the ecumenical or one-world church for the final triumph of socialism in world government; and

WHEREAS, socialism is defined in the Communist Manifesto as the "Pocket edition" of Communism;

Resolved, that the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, opposes the political, economic, and socialistic one-world activities of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. as destructive of the basic Christian principles upon which the Church was founded and urges its members to recognize the doctrine of collectivism as a very real menace to the survival of our Christian Church.]

FRONT PAGE PHOTO.—Hundreds of evangelical youth camps are in operation this summer. They offer Bible study, varied courses in life and work and an abundance of good fellowship and spiritual uplift to hundreds of thousands of young people. Seen in the picture a wiener roast after a hike over the hills.— *Photo by Harold M. Lambert.*

Hopes for Enlargement

To the Editor:

Congratulations to you on the wide variety and the nature of the contents of *Action* magazine. Our prayer is that its contribution to the Evangelical cause may not only be continued but also enlarged.

ROY S. NICHOLSON

Syracuse, N. Y.

Articles in Review

To the Editor:

I have just finished reading the June 15 Education issue of *United Evangelical Action*. I found the spiritual stimulation afforded by the reading of this issue justifies my affirmation that *Action* is one of the two most helpful Christian periodicals of its class with which I am familiar.

The three lead articles, "The New Crisis in Christian Education," "Science and Religion," and "Is There a Future For the Evangelical Colleges in America?" were well written and helpful.

In stark contrast the article, "The Doctrinal Basis of True Christian Unity" seemed, to me, to be representative of a low class religious journalism. In vain I endeavored to reason with the author. The relationship between title and content is far from apparent. Had the author taken the NAE Statement of Faith, annotated the Scriptures upon which the Statement rests, he might have been positive and constructive.

The editorial, "Modern Public Education," glibly gives John Dewey too much credit. That certain terminology has become alive as a result of his work cannot be denied. Such phrases as "adjustment to life," "teaching the whole child," "learning by doing," and "group activities" are, however, concepts through which solid Christian Education is best effected. In each case the basis for these concepts can be found in the ministry of our Saviour.

It is obvious, of course, that the issue here is not basic principle—as such—but semantics. If those who are prepared for public school teaching would aggressively enter that field, would pour into the vague and vapid terminology the wealth of meaning available through a Christian perspective, I believe much more would be accomplished than is being done by the rest of us sitting on the sidelines taking gleeful "pot shots."

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1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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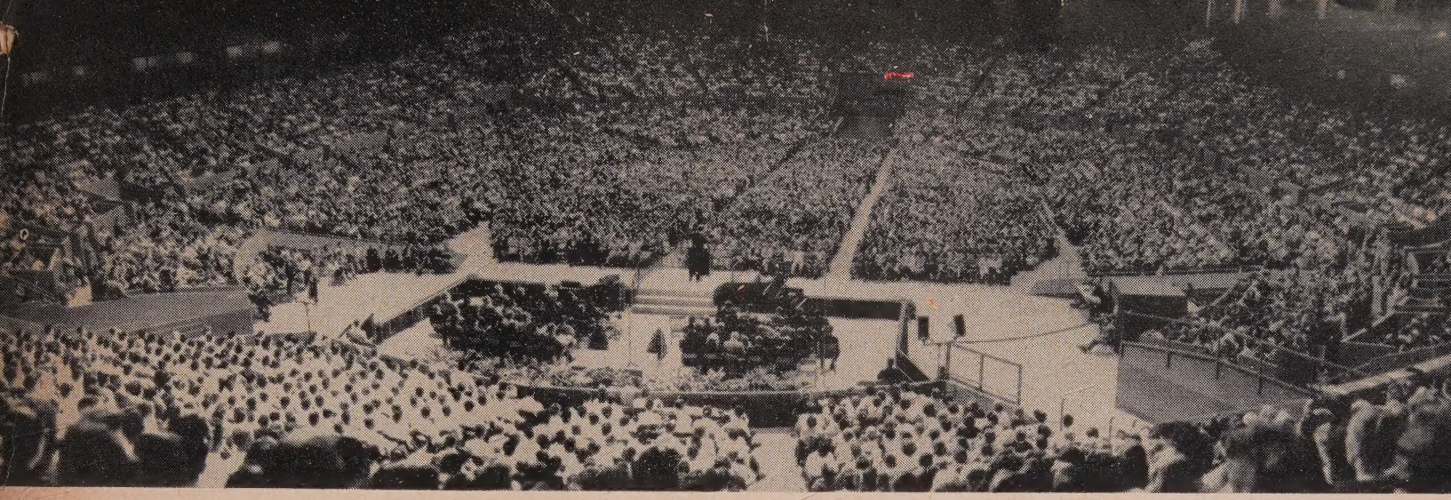

The Cow Palace, San Francisco packed to hear Billy Graham. All Cow Palace attendance records were broken.

NEW LIFE SURGES IN "GRAVEYARD OF EVANGELISM"

By SHERWOOD ELIOT WIRT

HOWEVER else the populous shores of San Francisco Bay be known, at this writing and, in the providence of God, for some time to come they will probably not be called "the graveyard of evangelism." The ghost of that unhappy label seems to have been buried under Seals Stadium in the heart of the city by the Golden Gate, where on June 22, 1958, some 38,000 persons gathered in one of the greatest demonstrations of faith in Jesus Christ that the west has ever seen.

Christians all along the Pacific slope are giving thanks to God for the new life that has come to hundreds of churches as a result of the eight weeks of meetings of the Billy Graham Crusade, and for the 27,000 new decisions for Christ that were made in the stadium and at the Cow Palace under Dr. Graham's preaching. The Saturday night services, telecast coast-to-coast across the United States and Canada, were expanded to almost double the outlets from Madison Square Garden —about 175 stations—and provided evidence that the Graham team's ministry is meeting a deeply-felt need in a unique and growing way.

Before the Crusade began, some evangelicals were disturbed by the circulation of printed literature attacking the Graham team methods, e.g. "Twelve Reasons Why Those Who Obey the Bible Cannot Support the Unscriptural Billy Graham Campaigns." A few local Conservative Baptist pastors publicly criticized the ecclesiastical support the Crusade was receiving. Once the meetings were under way, however, the overwhelming support they received and the enthusiasm they generated apparently affected the opposition, which became quiescent. Apparent immediately was a bond of unity among evangelicals at the prayer-meeting level. As the referral cards came in, most of them landed on the desks of evangelical pastors. The bus convoy, the counseling service, the prayer sessions, the choir were filled with Christians from churches of an evangelistic character. They in turn filled the Cow Palace with warmth and joy, and for seven weeks the big stock arena seemed like a colony of heaven.

During the evening meetings, as well as at clubs, conventions, universities, prisons and elsewhere, Billy Graham hewed the line theologically and expounded biblical doctrine. Northern Californians heard about justification, about reconciliation, about adoption, about the new birth, about the Holy Spirit, about the Trinity, about the sacraments, about heaven, about hell, about Satan, about the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, about the last judgment, about the *kenosis*, about the dual nature of Christ, about the authority of Scripture, about the blood atonement and the centrality of the Cross. There is no doubt that these doctrines are now being preached with a new earnestness from many Bay Area pulpits.

Testimonials from pastors received at Graham headquarters point also to more emphasis upon the Bible in their sermons. Two ministers known for their liberal leanings made public decisions, one coming forward at the Cow Palace and one doing so in his own church, after a member of the Graham team who was in the pulpit had issued an invitation. The obvious blessing of the Holy Spirit upon Dr. Graham's ministry, when studied at first hand, pulled more than one Bay Area minister off the fence. A suburban pastor spoke for many when he said, "I can't agree with his theology, but I can't get over the fact that God is with him."

A polarizing of extremes probably took place; many of those opposed to the Crusade at the beginning seemed to be more so at the ending. Yet at the center there apparently took place a wonderful warming and softening, due probably to many factors, not least to Billy Graham himself. When people come into direct contact with the man, even in such a place as the Cow Palace, he has a way of disarming suspicion and winning over the reluctant. Perhaps this is the place to add that the atmosphere was remarkably free of pastoral jealousy. Night after night ministers heard masterful sermons, preached with a liberty they could only dream of, and reaping great harvests,

yet their most common reaction was to praise God for the evangelist's gifts, and to rejoice with him at the results. Here in itself was an indication of the Holy Spirit's Presence.

And night after night the area before the rostrum of the Cow Palace was crowded with folk, rich and poor, ordinary and not so ordinary, young and old, yellow, black, white and red Indian, who suddenly found that the heart of their problem was a spiritual hunger for God, and who sought in Jesus Christ the peace the world can neither give nor take away. If one adds to them the thousands who have come to the Cross at Crusades before them, in Great Britain, on the continent of Europe, in India, Korea, Central America, Canada, and many other parts of the world as well as throughout the United States, one senses that here is as virile an expression of Christianity as has been seen in our century of science and sorrow. The potential is as infinite as God Himself.

But possibly my readers will want to know something more factual about the meetings.

When Evangelist Billy Graham stepped out of the pulpit Sunday afternoon, June 22 to hear a local minister pronounce the benediction at the farewell meeting of the Crusade, he had preached in exactly 45 meetings, 44 had been held in the Cow Palace where 696,525 persons had been in attendance—an all time record for the Cow Palace. The recorded decisions for Christ—those inquirers who responded to the invitation each evening, and who were counselled and entered into follow-up work of the Crusade totalled 26,898. (Not included were those who signified their decisions through other meetings, yet who will receive counselling help by mail.)

The original planned closing date was June 8, but the Crusade was extended one week until June 15 with the final closing date the service at Giants' Stadium, Sunday afternoon, June 22.

Each Saturday night beginning on May 3, the regular service from the Cow Palace was televised for one hour on a coast-to-coast basis over the ABC-TV network, and BBC-TV in Canada. It was channeled on over 175 stations. Programs rating research was not available as yet, but indicated a tremendous weekly viewing audience. The mail response brought in over 350,000 letters from individuals who were writing to ask for spiritual guidance, or to say that they had accepted Christ as Savior. To date there have been more than 25,000 who have acknowledged their decisions through the television. Plans are being discussed for similar presentation from the Crusade in Charlotte, North Carolina in September of 1958.

The Giants' Stadium Meeting on June 22, marked the end of the Crusade. Despite an unusually warm day, the stands filled quickly, and long before the start of the meeting the Stadium officials allowed the crowd to surge out across the outfield area. The crowd was 38,000 inside with an additional several thousand outside, and hundreds of cars backed up to the Bayshore Freeway. Over 1,300 responded to the invitation.

Each night at 10:30-10:45 p.m., a Crusade television program called "Crusade Report" was presented over a local station by Team members. At the conclusion of the program, viewers needing spiritual help were invited to phone the Crusade office, where 14 trained counsellors were on duty at 14 consecutive telephone lines. Literally thousands of calls were received (final tabulation indicated 3,010) and counsellors often remained until 12:00 or 1:00 a.m. in the morning. Actual decisions for Christ through the telephone interviews totalled 425 with an additional 269 making other decisions such as dedication, assurance, etc. Many stories were told of individuals saved from suicide, marital problems, despair, etc.

There were 4,000 men in blue denim who heard Billy Graham bring Christ to the turf of Coughlin Field, in the heart of one of the nations largest prisons—San Quentin. At the close over 600 moved forward in response to the invitation to "receive Christ."

Other meetings of impact were the noon meeting at Union Square in the heart of downtown San Francisco where over 7,000 gathered in a downpour of rain one Thursday noon. A similar meeting in Oakland, California on the City Hall Plaza steps saw over 11,000 gather to hear Dr. Graham the following Tuesday noon.

Over 3,000 jammed a church in the Fillmore District one Sunday evening when Mr. Graham and the Team conducted a special meeting there. This was the only district meeting of the Crusade.

Of special significance were Dr. Graham's meetings on college and university campuses. He spoke to 2,500 at Stanford University, to 1,200 at San Francisco State College, and to 11,500 at University of California as the guest of the Associated Students. An International Students' reception was also planned for College Night on May 15 when 2,500 students came. Some 700 decisions were made in the Crusade by college and university students.

One of the final phases of the Crusade was the Visitation Evangelism Program which was conducted June 23 to 26. Over 6,000 callers were assigned to 19,250 calls and completed nearly 18,000. Of these 6,105 indicated a definite desire to come to church. Later describing the impact Visitation Evangelism had had on his church, one minister wrote: "Visitation Week has marked a complete unification of our members, a notable increase in all the church departments, and a tremendous impact upon the surrounding area in reaching our unchurched neighbors and friends. . ."

San Francisco will long remember its Crusade days in the Cow Palace. The ragged little Mexican children

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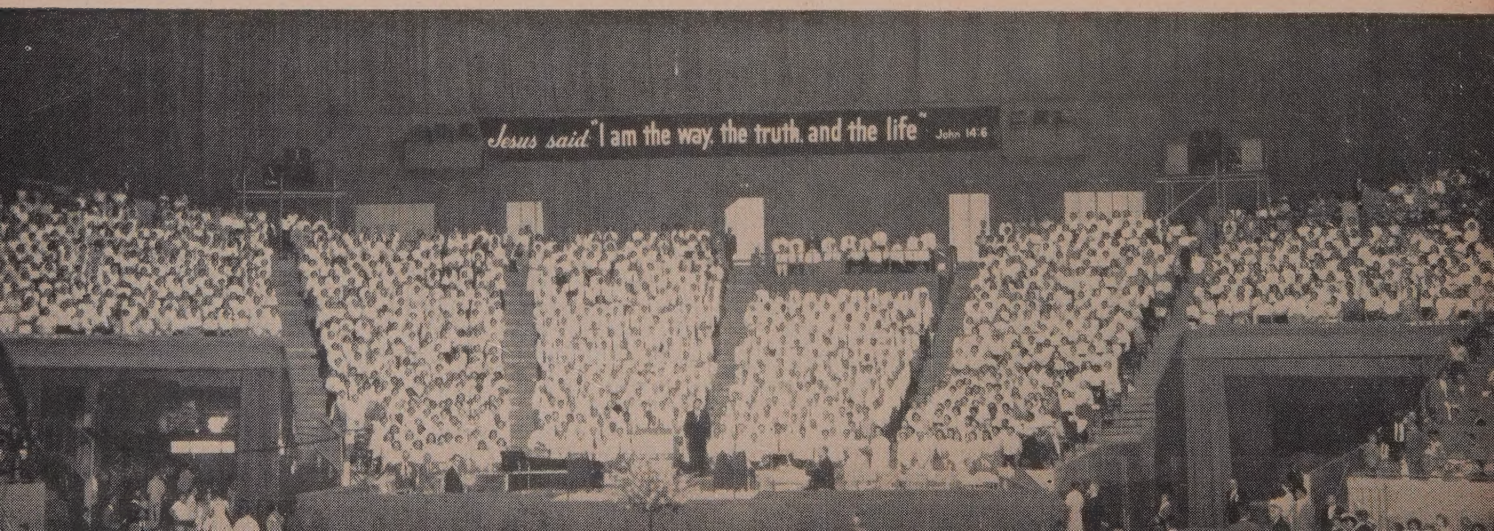
Music by the great chorus under the direction of Cliff Barrows was a thrilling feature of the Cow Palace meetings.



THE ART OF STEWARDSHIP

By DON R. FALKENBERG
Chairman, NAE Stewardship Commission

THE INDIVIDUAL who does not *love* art in one of its various phases can not be a successful artist. It is out of the heart that the inspiration for the beautiful emerges. Paul must have had this in mind when he wrote to the Corinthian Church, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

In the consideration of stewardship, whether it be the stewardship of witnessing, the stewardship of ministering with the hands, or the stewardship of money, we will find that those who are obedient to the Lord concerning the matter of tithing are the "happy Christians."

Not long ago I heard a pastor announce from his pulpit, "We will now receive your tithes and offerings."

The pastor was partially in error, because the Word of God plainly states, "All the tithe of the land is the Lord's" (Lev. 27:30). To have been biblically and grammatically correct, the pastor should have announced, "We will now receive the Lord's tithes and your offerings."

The tithe is not an "approximate" sum, but is an "exact" sum, just as one-tenth of ten is exactly one, or one-tenth of one hundred dollars is exactly ten dollars. Since the privilege of the administration of the Lord's tithes is an extremely high honor and trust imparted unto His child by the Lord, the greatest of care must be taken in the investing of His tithes in the purposes which are given and endorsed in God's Word.

The divine plan of stewardship calls for more than the ten per cent tithe. There are humanitarian responsibilities not covered by the "into My storehouse" for spiritual purposes ten per cent. We refer to support of physical institutions for the care of the aged, of orphans and of deserving strangers. The Word of God describes what we choose to call "The third Year Tithe," which the Word specifically states is for these needs herein mentioned. The Word of God says: "And the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: and the Levite (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest." Deut. 14:28, 29.

There is an additional "Thank You, dear Lord," item which is not labeled "tithe," but is designated in God's Word as "the first-fruits." Interestingly, the language root of "first-fruits" indicates the term to mean "one-sixtieth" or "one and two-thirds per cent." The distribution of this fund to extra-needy missionary workers and works can bring great blessings to both receiver and giver.

The Word of the Lord thus reveals that Christian "giving" does not begin until the Lord's tithes are paid in full.

Another facet on the diamond of pure stewardship is the realization of a true Christian's relationship, or we will call it kinship, with Christ, the Redeemer.

When Paul wrote to the Galatian Churches, he stated that the Christian is a child of God by faith in Christ Jesus. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26). When he wrote to the church at Rome, he pointed out that as children of God we become heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together" (Romans 8:14-17).

The possessions of God are not limited to the silver and the gold, or to the cattle upon a thousand hills. The possessions of God include the heathen in every land under the sun. When the Lord Jesus, before coming to earth in human form, was asked by His Father whether He wished to have the heathen as a part of His inheritance, He replied in the affirmative. "Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession" (Psalm 2:8).

As joint-heirs we are joint-heirs of the heathen for whom Christ shed His blood on Calvary. Immediately after His resurrection in the first business meeting He held with His disciples at the place He appointed, His one recorded first matter of business was that of instructing His followers as to the urgency of fulfilling their joint-heirship in reaching the heathen with the message of eternal salvation. "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matt. 16:20).

Again in Acts 1:8 the instructions were given: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

And yet again in the last chapter of the Bible we read the written and hear the spiritual instructions: "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17).

Finally, the art of faithful stewardship eliminates random distribution of God's tithes. To invest His tithes in Christ-denying activities, organizations or individuals, or in wasteful-administration institutions is to imply to the world Christ's approval of such heresies and malpractices. A good and faithful steward will first carefully investigate before investing the Lord's tithes which have been entrusted to him. One of the key questions he will ask is: "Will this investment definitely accomplish the purpose for which Christ gave His blood on Calvary?"

* Free stewardship literature may be secured without charge by addressing Dr. Falkenberg at 905 South K Street, Lake Worth, Florida.

Successful Obscenity Bill

An anti-obscenity bill, which passed the House three months ago, was also reported favorably to the Senate. It was expected that it would be entered on the Senate calendar and that it would pass without difficulty.

The bill (H.R. 6239) had been introduced by Rep. Emmanuel Celler of New York, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. It was similar to another bill which was introduced by Congressman John Dowdy of Texas and it also incorporated wording which was favored by the Post Office Department.

It provides for court action against obscene materials at the point where they are received in the mails. Previously this was impossible because of a decision disallowing court action except at the point where the material was deposited in the mails. As a result highly objectionable materials are mailed from jurisdictions such as New York and Los Angeles, where judges tend to be more "liberal" in their opinions. Supporters of the Celler Bill maintain that communities across the country do not want the "liberal" magistrates in far-off cities to be the sole judges of the permissibility of distribution of materials through the mails, when the damage is done in their own communities.

As the Celler Bill was getting favorable attention on Capitol Hill, the Post Office Department was renewing its efforts to prosecute several distributors in the Los Angeles area. At the same time, five of the offending companies were raided under orders from the District Attorney for Los Angeles County. However, when and if the Celler Bill becomes law it is quite apparent that other cases will be taken to judges in many communities across the country.

Hearing—Happy?

Latest reports before going to press with this issue of the *Capitol Report* indicate that the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee is not seriously contemplating action on the two liquor bills on which it held hearings. It is always possible, of course, that some action may be forthcoming late in the session. But that would allow little time for consideration on the House side. Without that time it is quite possible that the bill would die even if it were passed by the Senate.

Two months after the hearings on alcohol advertising it was still impossible to obtain the printed transcript upon which the committee would base its consideration. So it looked rather dubious that a favorable report was in the making.

Nevertheless, there was a rumor that the committee was investigating the possibility of getting at the liquor advertising problem in another way, by giving greater powers to the Alcohol Tax Administration of the Internal Revenue Service. Under the present law that section of government has a little authority. Its regulations state that certain types of alcohol advertising are out—statements that alcohol cures physical or mental ailments, for instance.

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This possibility was discussed two years ago when the late Rep. Percy Priest was chairman of the House Interstate Committee. But nothing came of it.

There was also some talk on the Hill about the possibility of advertising hearings by the House committee. Rep. Oren Harris suggested that such hearings should be directed toward some new aspect of the advertising problem. But then he got tied up with the "vicuna coat hearings" and it became obvious that there would not be the time to give alcohol ads another going over.

Meanwhile, over on the Senate side there is no mention of the alcohol-airline bill. Other matters are getting the attention of the committee members and it appears that the bill to ban service of alcohol on planes is being passed over. This is really a shame, because members of the subcommittee took considerable time hearing testimony by pilots, stewardesses and other groups who would like to see the drinks removed from the airways.

But the inactivity subsequent to the hearings again suggests that the unwritten understanding of certain leading persons on Capitol Hill is: "Give them (the temperance people) a hearing and they'll be satisfied." The trouble is, it often looks as if they *are* satisfied.

Another Side to This Story?

Rep. Victor L. Anfuso of New York, an active Roman Catholic layman, recently took the time to direct the attention of his Congressional colleagues to the content of two articles which had appeared in the Jesuit publication *America*. At his request they were reprinted in full in the appendix of the *Congressional Record*.

One of the articles was written by Msgr. Luigi G. Ligutti, executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. The other was by the Most Reverend Baltasar Alvarez Restrepo of Colombia. They were inserted under the title: "The Truth About Religious Persecution in Colombia."

The article by Msgr. Ligutti categorizes Protestant missionaries in Latin America as "ambassadors of bad will" and suggests that Protestants turn their attention to the unreached rural areas of the United States. "Catholics in general, and particularly Latin Americans, consider heresy as the greatest sin," he states.

He asks what would happen if Catholic missionaries were to go into Danish or Swedish villages blaring out vile remarks about Martin Luther and trying to disturb the Lutheran services. "What do you suppose would happen to these Catholic missionaries and their chapels? Or rather, what should happen?"

The statement of the Colombian Bishop carried a similar argument. It dealt with one specific instance, involving Miss Janette Troyer of the Gospel Missionary Union. It admitted violent acts against her but charged them up to her attitude toward the Colombian people and their religion. It deftly cut off Catholic officials from any responsibility, stating that the priests warned their parishioners "not to resort to violence."

The same statement of the Colombian Bishop criticized U. S. diplomatic officials for their part in attempting to assure safety for Miss Troyer. According to the Bishop "the United States government, through its diplomatic corps, is supporting propaganda in our countries."

"Whiskey Allowance"

The State Department's representation allowance—often called the whiskey allowance—was cut back slightly from last year's figure. This year there will be $750,000 for the foreign service officers to draw on. Last year it was $800,000.

The House of Representatives had originally voted a figure which was even lower, $650,000, and the Senate voted $1 million. When it came out of conference the amount had been set at the three-quarter million mark.

Officials of the State Department have objected to the term "whiskey allowance," stating that the money is not used exclusively for alcoholic beverages. But they refused to give any indication of the percentage of the money which goes for the procurement of liquor.

Criticism on the use of liquor by U.S. diplomats arises from time to time, although it is never given very much publicity. Its use is particularly out of place in Asian countries where liquor is not only frowned on but in some cases outlawed. Private citizens and some members of Congress have insisted that liquor is doing more harm than good to our diplomatic relations in such countries.

Meanwhile, the State Department has been trying to convince Congress that the representation allowance should be raised, in order to give foreign service officers more facility in entertaining. But no assurance has been given that such a move would not be simply giving more liquor for the overseas diplomatic cocktail parties.

One of the arguments for the cocktail parties is that they are an inexpensive way of paying off social obligations. So it could be argued that if liquor were diminished the over-all allowance should be raised. Undoubtedly many conscientious citizens would favor such a raise in the allowance if they could be assured that it would not be used for alcoholic beverages.

A New "Summit Conference"

Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

■ A SUMMIT CONFERENCE on peace and religion is planned by representatives of Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Shintoism, Buddhism and other religions. Its purpose will be to find a common basis for world peace and the means for united effort in its behalf.

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath of New York, spokesman of the move, has only recently returned from a six months' world tour in which he contacted outstanding leaders of each of these religions who have expressed an interest in such a conference. The Reformed Jewish leader was enthusiastic about the possibilities of holding the meeting in 1960.

In his overseas contacts, Dr. Eisendrath said, he was assisted by the World Council of Churches, the National Conference of Christian and Jews, the National Council of Churches in the USA and the Synagogue Council of America. Indeed, he admitted that he had been greatly encouraged by his "intensive consultations" with heads of these bodies prior to his journey.

All true Christians everywhere are interested in the cause of peace. We believe that every effort should be made to overcome the monolithic trends toward war and destruction. We are deeply concerned about the frightful weapons which threaten complete extermination of the human race. We also believe that it is necessary to return to Christ and His precepts if a just and equitable society is to be created—the necessary basis for peace in this troubled world. To these principles and the practice of them we are completely committed. Nevertheless—

Evangelical Christians must view this development with great alarm. Taken by itself it might not seem too serious, but it is evidently only one phase of a many-faceted world movement which can undermine and dangerously weaken the Christian testimony and mark the end of the Christian Era in world civilization.

The United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, together with other worldwide agencies of government, while disclaiming any concern with religion, are in fact already engaged in destroying Christian standards of morality. Wherever Christians confer on an equality with representatives of other religions, atheists and pagans and reach a consensus on any matter related to morality or religion they compromise their distinctively Christian testimony. As a result we have an increasingly large number of so-called "Christian statesmen" of distinction in America who are going up and down the land knowingly or unknowingly propagandizing a watered-down Christian faith.

The World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches, in their anxiety for world peace and One World government, aid and abet every political move toward these ends. Through various arms such as the Commission of the Churches for International Affairs they assume to give the "Christian answer" to all the problems raised in United Nations and UNESCO conclaves. This answer is almost always a watered-down answer conditioned by a warped sense of inter-faith cooperation and amity.

The coming merger of the International Missionary Council with the World Council of Churches still further accentuates the danger of collaboration with world religions. Already the evangelical denominations in the World Council are abandoning their distinctive missionary testimony and turning over their missionary operations to the One World ecumenical leaders. Many of these leaders believe that the time has come to set the educational, philanthropic and social aspects of mission work free from organized responsibility to the work of conscious and direct evangelization. Once this is accomplished they envision the elimination of preaching and the development of cooperative programs with non-Christian agencies for social improvement, penetrating the fabric of human society with creative ideas which will build a better world rather than Christian churches as entities in the larger whole of society.

Taken in the light of these and other developments in Christendom, Dr. Eisendrath's proposal begins to have proper perspective and meaning to evangelical Protestants.

What the learned rabbi proposes and what WCC and NCC leaders welcome is more than a mere love feast to talk about world peace. It is an opening wedge for the development of One Religion for One World. Indeed Dr. Eisendrath hints at the necessity for "a new spirit of interreligious cooperation" as essential to even the first summit meeting. He then charges that some religious leaders are "too often egocentric, complacent and so entranced by the dead past that they have lost sight of their duty to the present." He proposes that interfaith "educational programs be effecuated" to change this situation. That is about as far as he could go in a public statement without revealing a view wholly antagonistic to evangelical Christianity.

The kind of Christians we read about in the New Testament cannot sit down in a summit meeting of representatives of all the religions of the world without giving their distinctive Christian testimony. Such a thing would break up the meeting. The kind of Christians who are willing to accept equal status with other religions and work for a consensus of any issue proposed would be unfaithful to their Lord and to the Church which He purchased with His own precious blood.

The only possible ground of agreement on which such an inter-faith body could base its discussions would eliminate Jesus Christ as God and Saviour. They could agree on the greatness of God, reverence in worship, sympathy for human suffering, the unselfish pursuit of truth and a hope for a better world. They could take the humanistic approach to God based on the religious intuition of the *genus homo,* which has produced all the specious gods of the heathen and the chaotic moralities and immoralities of the non-Christian world. They could adopt some high-sounding resolutions in which they would mutually pledge themselves to work for peace and goodwill among all peoples.

But all to what profit? We believe it is Christ who has the answer—the *only answer!*—to the ills of mankind. We cannot say this in such a summit conference, let alone seek to convert the conferees to the One who has the answer. Any less answer is to the true Christian no answer at all.

We are in favor of a summit conference on religion and peace—at the feet of the Prince of Peace. When Rabbi Eisendrath and the leaders of the world religions are ready to meet Him they will find evangelical Christians there. We pray that the day may soon come, so clearly prophesied in the Holy Scriptures, when "every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." That will be the Day of Peace!

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EVANGELISM

Clifton Gregory Re-elected Gospel Missions President

LEBANON, Pa.—The 45th Annual Convention of the International Union of Gospel Missions recently held at Lebanon, Pa., re-elected Rev. Clifton E. Gregory, superintendent of the City Mission of Cleveland, Ohio, as its President for his second year. Other officers elected were: First Vice President, Francis Crumley, Superintendent of the Sunday Breakfast Mission of Philadelphia; Secretary, Leonard Hunt, Superintendent of the Wheeler City Mission of Indianapolis; Treasurer, the Rev. Clarence E. Chamberlain, Superintendent of the City Mission of Erie. The Convention was held in the First Evangelical Congregational Church of Lebanon, of which Rev. J. Karl Harper is the minister, and at the Lebanon Rescue Mission, the host, with its Superintendent and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Lester S. Miller. The 46th Annual Convention will be held at Bakersfield, Calif., May, 1959.

There were 105 new members admitted at the Convention, placing the membership well over 1,000. Eight new missions and eleven new mission superintendents were received.

President Gregory in his annual report gave the following partial report of the work of the member missions: services held, 78,234; professions, 72,891; beds furnished, 2,143,479; meals furnished, 7,317,024. These figures were compiled from the reports of the thirteen District Presidents. More than $8,000 was raised for the annual program of the IUGM.

Rev. Ernest Walton-Lewsey of the London Embankment Mission, London, England, a member mission, spoke at one of the night services and showed a sound, motion picture of the work of that mission, including a new similar mission just started in Paris. A tape recording was played of the funeral services of Dr. Peter MacFarlane of the Union Mission of St. Paul, which were conducted on Easter Sunday, with a number of mission superintendents participating.

The International Union of Gospel Missions, which includes more than 250 missions in the United States and Canada and some overseas, is rapidly growing. Many missions are erecting new buildings or moving to new locations, or remodeling their quarters, with new missions opening constantly, a reflection of the increasing need of missions in our various cities due to the growth in crime, divorce, and alcoholism. A special feature of the Convention was the testimonies of many who had been redeemed from these evils by the work of the rescue missions.

Rev. Ernest E. Tippett was re-appointed as executive secretary of the IUGM.

Fulton Street Prayer Meeting's Anniversary

NEW YORK—On September 23, the 101st Anniversary of the world famous "Fulton Street Noon Prayer Meeting" will be celebrated.

Special speakers who have been secured are:

Monday, Sept. 22, Mr. LeRoy Swift, superintendent of the McAuley Creamorne Mission, New York City.

Tuesday, Sept. 23, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor, *Christian Herald* magazine.

Wednesday, Sept. 24, Rev. Waldon R. Corbett, pastor Baptist Temple, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Thursday, Sept. 25, Dr. David J. Fant, president, New York Bible Society.

Friday, Sept. 26, Lt. Major Bert Noble, Tabernacle Director, Volunteers of America, New York City.

Warren Buchholtz, superintendent, writes: Many of the old friends of the prayer meeting will be on hand to greet one another and to praise the Lord for what Fulton Street has meant to them down through the years. Many visitors from far and wide are expected to be in attendance."

Salvation Army Gets New Headquarters

CHICAGO—(E/P)—The Salvation Army recently dedicated a new $1.8 million building here to serve as territorial headquarters for eleven Midwestern states. Mayor Richard Daley thanked the Army "for giving Chicago such a beautiful structure." A pine tree was planted in front of the building at 860 N. Dearborn, its roots covered with earth from the eleven states, as some 300 persons gathered on the sidewalk for the ceremonies. A Salvation Army band provided music for the occasion.

Commissioner John J. Allen of the Army described the movement's work in "dispensing soup, soap and salvation" as he delivered the dedication address. The Army's former headquarters were in a building at 719 N. State.

UEA CORRESPONDENCE

Navigators Celebrate Silver Anniversary

DENVER, Colo.—(MNS)—The Navigators celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary this year. The organization began with sailors, hence the name Navigators. Begun in 1933, the Navigators now work in 19 metropolitan areas of the United States and in the past nine years have grown to include an overseas staff of 55 (working in 16 countries), plus 28 national workers.

In recent years, more than 74,600 counselors have been trained in the United States and abroad. Around the world they work with 42 mission agencies.

Billy Graham Crusade Organized in Australia

SYDNEY, Australia—Dr. H. W. K. Mowll, Anglican Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, was elected president of the executive committee for the Billy Graham crusade here scheduled for early 1959.

Chairman of the committee is Bishop Coadjutor R. C. Kerle of Sydney. Vice-chairmen are Dr. Alan Walker, superintendent of Sydney's Central Methodist Mission, and Rev. Gordon Powell, minister of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church here.

Mr. Graham was invited to Australia by a committee representing church and evangelistic organizations. He accepted the invitation in October last year.

Graham Sets Up New Offices in Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — Billy Graham's team has established permanent headquarters in Charlotte, a spokesman for the evangelist announced here.

Edward T. Darling, the team's executive secretary and business manager, said the new headquarters include Mr. Graham's personal executive office. The evangelist's home is in Montreat, N. C.

The announcement was made just as Mr. Graham concluded a seven-week crusade in San Francisco which drew a total attendance of 696,525 with 25,575 persons making "decisions for Christ," according to an official report from that city.

Dr. Graham was scheduled to hold a week of rallies at Sacramento, Cal., June 29-July 6, followed by two days of meetings each in Fresno and San Diego. On July 25, the evangelist will hold a giant rally in San Antonio, Tex., sponsored by various ministerial groups and pastors conferences.

Denominations

Evangelical Free Church Hears Reports of Advance

WINONA LAKE, Ind.—Evangelical Christianity needs "a good shock to waken us out of our prosperity-filled doldrums," Dr. Arnold T. Olson, of Minneapolis, president of the Evangelical Free Church of America, said here.

He told 478 delegates to the 74th annual conference of the Church that "doctors and druggists soothe people with tranquilizers, but the church does it with sermonettes."

Warning against a "false complacency" in the churches, Dr. Olson urged more preaching on "the facts of life," including the rising tide of delinquency and the breakdown of moral life.

He said the church was "sick from an overdose of the three Ts—taboos, tradition and tranquilizers—and needs to get back to the three Ps—prayer meetings, personal witness and private Bible study."

During the past year, Dr. Olson reported, the Evangelical Free Church had added a new congregation every 12½ days, built 26 new churches and opened a new mission field in Singapore. Congregations of the church now total 419 in the USA and Canada, he said.

Church membership increased 7,143 to 29,280, he reported. The denomination's members gave $5,046,977 during the year, an increase of $558,482 over the previous year, and per capita giving was $172, he added.

Dr. Olson said that enrolment at the Church's Trinity Seminary and Bible College, Chicago, increased from 258 to 317, and 16 new missionaries were sent to the Belgian Congo, Venezuela, Japan, the Philippines and Hong Kong.

A record budget of $1,856,317 for the coming year was adopted. The $800,000 goal of a three-year Jubilee Fund for the Church's 75th anniversary in 1959 was raised to $2,500,000. Denominational officials said that nearly $833,000 has been contributed already. Half of the fund, they said, will remain in local churches, with the balance going to the Church's Trinity Seminary and Bible College, Chicago, for its $1,500,000 expansion program.

Rev. Lester Nelson of Boone, Ia., was named moderator and vice-president of the Church. Dr. Arnold T. Olson of Minneapolis remains as president. Rev. Lester P. Westlund of Staten Island, N.Y., was chosen as secretary of foreign missions. The conference inaugurated a new department of publications with Rev. Roy A. Thompson as secretary. Mel Larson became editor of *The Evangelical Beacon,* succeeding Thompson.

"United Evangelical" Name for New Church

MINNEAPOLIS — (NLC) — The Evangelical Lutheran Church went on record here in favor of changing the name proposed for the new denomination that will be formed in 1960 by its merger with two other church bodies—the American Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

A straw vote which showed an overwhelming preference for "The United Evangelical Lutheran Church" as the name of the merged Church was made an official action "expressing the judgment' of the ELC's 23rd biennial convention, attended by some 2,500 pastors and lay men.

The change is being urged as an alternative to the present choice of the name "The American Lutheran Church," agreed upon by the Joint Union Committee of the uniting Churches and twice reaffirmed when the committee considered other suggestions during the past biennium.

The committee is composed of nine members each from the 1,083,000-member ELC, the 937,000-Member American Lutheran Church and the 65,000-member United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Four officers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church were re-elected at the convention. Re-named for two-year terms were Dr. S. C. Eastvold, Parkland, Wash., first vice-president; Dr. L. M. Stavig, Sioux Falls, S. D., second vice-president; Dr. O. H. Hove, Minneapolis, general secretary, and Norman H. Nelson, Minneapolis, treasurer. The term of Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, Minneapolis, president, was not up this year.

There had been some talk among delegates that opponents of affiliation with the World Council of Churches planned to raise the question again in connection with the merger discussions.

Under the articles of union, the constituting convention of the merged Church is committed to apply for membership in the World Council of Churches, with its action subject to mandatory review by the first general convention in 1962.

Both the ALC and the UELC have been members of the World Council since its formation in 1948. The ELC, reversing an earlier decision, voted to join in 1956 and was accepted last year.

Formal objection to the World Council did not materialize in the convention because, it was said by the Rev. A. H. Johnshoy of Lake Preston, S. D. such a move would appear "schismatic" and divisive."

However, he gave "a personal Christian testimony" on the issue in which he said that the aims and activities of the World Council were "contrary to the Scriptural absolutes of God's Word."

"I am deeply grieved that the confessional basis of the new Church is

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● BILLY GRAHAM will go to Chicago for a city-wide crusade in 1960 or 1961 despite the refusal of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago to sponsor such an effort. "Liberals" in the Federation have long opposed Dr. Graham's work. Other elements in the large interchurch body favored his coming. The Midwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals took a strong stand for a Chicago crusade. It now appears that all evangelical elements in the area will unite for a great ingathering of souls. (Further details of this important development in our next issue).

● PEOPLES CHURCH, Toronto, long noted for its large offerings for missions, has announced that its 1958 giving reached a total of $300,500. The goal had been $275,000. This is the largest offering in the 30 years of the church's history.

● MARK O. HATFIELD, Oregon's Secretary of State and presently aspiring to be the state's youngest governor, will speak at the National Sunday School Association's annual convention in Des Moines, Iowa, October 8-10. His theme will be, "Inner Values for an Outer Space Age."

● ASSEMBLIES OF GOD will hold their third annual National Evangelism Convention in First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma August 12-14. Leading evangelists of the denomination will speak. Some 2,000 persons are expected to attend.

● DR. CHARLES W. LOWRY, prominent Episcopal clergyman and executive chairman of the Foundation for Religious Action in the Social and Civil Order, has called for the resignation of Dr. Joseph L. Hromadka of Hungary from the 14-member executive committee of the World Council of Churches. Dr. Hromadka, long under attack for his Communist proclivities, recently accepted a $25,000 Kremlin prize for his defense of Soviet policy in Hungary.

● PROTESTANT PURGES are being stepped up in "Red" China. The drive is a part of the nation's "Big Leap Forward" campaign. Pastors and church leaders have been "denounced" in Heliungkiang, Kirin, Kweichow and Fukien provinces and at Darien. It is believed that this is the beginning of a new bloody persecution affecting all religion in this atheistic state.

● MUSA AMALEMBA, a strong evangelical Christian, has been chosen as the first African in history to be a cabinet minister in Kenya. He is the new Minister of Housing.

perjured by membership in the World Council," he added. He said he favored consummation of the merger but had to speak against any union in which membership in the World Council is involved.

UELC Approves Three Church Merger Plans

BLAIR, Neb.—(RNS)—The United Evangelical Lutheran Church approved at its 62nd annual convention here a proposed three-way merger with the American and Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

It accepted the constitution and by-laws of the new denomination and adopted the articles of union and the timetable which calls for completion of the union by Jan. 1, 1961.

The constituting convention for the two-million member body is scheduled for April 22-24, 1960 in Minneapolis, where its headquarters will be located.

A record budget of $630,000 for next year was adopted by the UELC. The figure represents an increase of $100,000 over the current budget.

Rev. Lawrence Siersbeck of Kenosha, Wisc. was re-elected secretary of the Church. Dr. John M. Jensen of Spencer, Ia., editor of the *Ansgar Lutheran* weekly since 1936, was re-elected to that post.

Dr. William Larsen of Blair, president of the denomination, remains in office. His three-year term expires in 1959.

Reformed Church Rejects "Red" Coexistence Policy

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa.—(RNS)—The World and National Councils of Churches were called upon by the Reformed Church in America at its 152nd annual General Synod here to keep communication channels open between churches of the East and West to help promote world peace.

The resolution, recommended by the denomination's Christian Action Committee, said such communication was needed so that the Church "may exert her influence toward developing mutual respect and trust among nations."

In another action, the synod disapproved a resolution urging the United States to explore the possibilities of working out a program to curb the testing, making and stockpiling of nuclear weapons throughout the world.

The Synod also voted down overwhelmingly a proposal asking the federal government to find a non-violent co-existence with the Soviet Union and other Communistic countries. Opponents protested particularly to the word "co-existence."

A report adopted by Synod declared that "total abstinence is the preferred behaviour for all people in regard to alcoholic beverages."

"We believe this because in the area of human relationships we accept love for God and neighbor as revealed in Christ Jesus as the standard for Christian behaviour," the report said. "We believe that in the present age the use of beverage alcohol tends to violate this standard of Christian love."

A record 1959 benevolence budget of $3,815,200 was adopted. The total represents an increase of nearly $1,000,000 over the previous year.

Membership in the denomination increased by 4,433 in 1957 for a total of 215,793.

Communicants contributed $20,917,331 for all the work of the Church during last year. Of this amount, congregational causes received $16,183,271; denominational, $3,090,918; and other purposes, $1,643,142.

Dr. Marion De Velder, pastor of Hope Reformed church, Holland, Mich., was elected president of the General Synod. He succeeds Rev. Howard Schade, pastor of First Reformed church, Nyack, N. Y.

Million-dollar Building For Historical Society

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A new million-dollar building to house the Disciples of Christ Historical Society will be dedicated here during a three-day program Sept. 12-14. The observance will coincide with the 170th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Campbell, leading figure in the formation of the Christian Churches.

The library and research facility in the heart of Nashville's "University Center" is a memorial to Thomas W. Phillips, a Disciple layman, author and philanthropist. The recently completed building houses the historical society's collection of thousands of books, pamphlets, periodicals, manuscripts, documents, letters, church records, photographs, and illustrative materials concerning the Disciples of Christ, Churches of Christ, and the Christian Church. These groups grew from the early nineteenth century frontier revolt against autocratic sectarianism.

Until recently the Historical Society's vast collection was housed in the Joint University Library at Nashville.

Suomi-UCLA Lutheran Seminaries to Merge

DETROIT, Mich.—(RNS)—The Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod) voted at its 69th annual convention here to affiliate its seminary at Hancock, Mich., with Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, Maywood, Ill.

Chicago seminary is an institution of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The action was taken as looking toward the proposed four-way merger of the Suomi Synod, ULCA, the Augustana Lutheran Church and the American Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Suomi College, the only Lutheran college in Michigan, will remain at Hancock.

Plans to affiliate the seminaries were opposed by two of the largest conferences in the Suomi Synod. At their recent annual meetings, the Michigan conference in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and the Minnesota conference in Minneapolis adopted resolutions asking that relocation of the Suomi seminary be deferred until merger negotiations are completed.

Delegates at the synod's meeting here unanimously re-elected for a second four-year term Dr. Raymond W. Wargelin of Hancock as president.

They also voted to hold next year's convention at Holy Trinity Lutheran church, Berkeley, Calif.

Cumberlands Agree on "Mid-Century Advance"

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. —(RNS)— A $600,000 expansion and improvement program, to be known as the Mid-Century Advance, was adopted by the 128th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church here.

Funds will be used for improvements at the denomination's seminary and Bethel College at McKenzie, Tenn., and its children's home at Denton, Tex.

Camp and conference groups also will be developed, and a loan fund for home mission churches established, Eugene Warren, executive secretary of the Board of Finance, which presented the program, said.

Aid to schools and churches in foreign mission fields also will be provided, he said, and a center will be established near Montgomery Bell State Park, Dickson, Tenn., to commemorate the birthplace of the denomination.

Dr. Wayne Wiman, pastor of the Second Cumberland Presbyterian church, Chattanooga, Tenn., was elected moderator of the Assembly. Former assembly stated clerk from 1944 to 1954, Dr. Wiman succeeds Dr. William T. Ingram, Jr., of McKenzie, Tenn.

A move to hold its 1959 General Assembly in a city where segregation laws would not bar Negro delegates from attending was tabled.

A resolution asked that any city or church which desired to entertain the assembly in the future be asked to give assurance that delegates from the Negro branch of the Church would be seated without fear of violating local segregation laws.

An attempt was made to have the resolution amended to become effective in 1960, but this was voted down. Later, delegates selected Springfield, Mo., as the site of the 1959 assembly.

Brethren Set New Goals For Enlarged Program

DES MOINES, Ia.—(RNS)—A goal of $2,600,000 for an enlarged program of the Church of the Brethren during the next year was voted by delegates to the denomination's Annual Conference here.

The amount represents an increase of more than 50 per cent over the goal set for the present year. It is in accord with an action taken in 1955, when delegates voted to double the current budget of that year by the present year, which marks the Church's 250th anniversary.

As a means of initiating and supporting an enlarged program, delegates approved an Anniversary Call campaign. One phase of the program will be in the area of evangelism. Tentative plans have been made for a denomination-wide evangelistic emphasis between Lent and Pentecost in 1959. Laymen already recruited to assist in the stewardship campaign also will take major responsibility for training evangelistic workers.

Dr. William M. Beahm, dean of Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago, was elected moderator of the Church. Rev. Robert L. Sherfy of Harrisonburg, Va., will serve as alternate moderator.

Evangelical Covenanters Adopt $2,000,000 Budget

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Dr. Clarence A. Nelson of Chicago, Illinois, was elected president of the 57,000-member Evangelical Covenant Church of America at its 73rd Annual Meeting held here (*Action,* July 1).

The 482 delegates attending the meeting elected Dr. Nelson on the first ballot, after having selected him as a third candidate for the ballot. Prior to the meeting a presidential nominating committee had named two candidates —A. Eldon Palmquist of Minneapolis and Leslie R. Ostberg of Chicago.

Dr. Nelson, who has served as president of North Park College and Theological Seminary since 1950, will assume his new post in one year. He will be the fifth president of the 73-year-old denomination and will succeed Dr. Theodore W. Anderson, president since 1933.

Other executives elected by the meeting include Robert A. Honnette of Chicago, secretary; Ralph P. Hanson of Chicago, secretary of world missions; Joseph C. Danielson of Chicago, secretary of home missions; Aaron Markuson of Chicago, secretary of youth work; Erick I. Gustafson of Chicago, director of young people's work; Miss Frances Anderson of Chicago, director of children's work; and Carl Philip Anderson of Chicago, editor in chief of Covenant publications.

Under the guidance of the moderator, C. Victor Nyquist of Minneapolis, delegates approved plans to build a $60,000 radio station in Nome, Alaska. A permit for the station has already been filed with the Federal Communications Commission.

They adopted budgets for the departments and institutions of the denomination as follows: $960,306 for North Park College and Theological Seminary; $660,000 for world missions, $204,000 for home missions, and $59,-500 for the youth department.

The meeting called six new missionaries who will serve in Alaska, Formosa, and the Belgian Congo. Fourteen ministers were ordained at a Sunday morning service on the closing day of the conference.

Adventists Report Gains In Giving and Membership

CLEVELAND, O. —(RNS)— Seventh-day Adventists in 185 countries have contributed a record $283,291,470 in tithes, missions offerings and home and local church contributions over the last four years, the 48th quadrennial world conference of the denomination was told here. This was an increase of $61,281,418 over the previous four years.

Pastor C. L. Torrey of Washington, D.C., world treasurer, told more than 1,200 official delegates from 90 countries that this was "the largest income ever reported in the history" of the Church. Total attendance at the 10-day convention reached more than 15,000 persons.

Another report, made by Dr. Walter R. Beach of Washington, D.C., world secretary, said that membership of the Church doubled during the last 10 years to 1,102,910 adults.

Pastor Torrey said that during the quadrennium Sabbath school offerings have been "the largest factor in gathering money for missions. Total receipts during the four-year period were $25,310,439, a gain of $4,286,454 over the previous quadrennium.

The total of all mission funds amounted to $53,689,125. In addition, Adventists gave $169,768,129 in tithes —ten per cent of their annual income. The total overall increase over the previous four years in mission funds and tithes was $48,975,888.

In addition, members contributed $59,834,216 for home and local church work.

Advent Christian Church Merges Mission Societies

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, Fla. — Amalgamation of the two mission societies of the Advent Christian Church was voted here by delegates to the denomination's biennial General Conference.

They are the American Advent Mission Society and the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society. The former group voted for the amalgamation at a meeting last year. The only action necessary here was ratification by the women's society.

Elected president of the new organization was Rev. Robert Hewitt, pastor of the First Advent Christian church, Waterbury, Conn. Mrs. Ruby R. Leite, Jacksonville, Fla., was named vice-president.

Dr. Edwin K. Gedney, dean of Gordon College, near Boston, was elected president of the General Conference. He succeeds Dr. Lee E. Baker of Aurora, Ill. Rev. Herbert H. Holland, pastor of the First Advent Christian church, Detroit, Mich., was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Church of God Sets Up Higher Education Body

ANDERSON, Ind.—(RNS)—A Commission on Christian Higher Education was established by the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) at the annual meeting of its General Ministerial Assembly here.

The new agency will guide the development of the higher educational program of the denomination, co-ordinate recruiting and promotional activities and carry on research in education.

It will serve the Church's two colleges: Pacific Bible College, Portland, Ore., and Anderson (Ind.) College and Theological Seminary.

Some 20,000 delegates at the meeting adopted a budget of $1,500,000 for 1959, an increase of $200,000 over the current one.

The assembly voted to establish a mission in Costa Rica for the first time, bringing to 34 the number of countries or territories in which the denomination carries on its work.

Rev. Harold W. Boyer, pastor of Maiden Lane Church of God, Springfield, O., was re-elected chairman of the assembly, the top post in the denomination. Rev. Denver Smoot, pastor of Central Park church, Houston, Tex., was re-named secretary.

A highlight of the meeting was a testimonial dinner honoring Dr. John A. Morrison, who retired as president of Anderson College after holding the office for 35 years. Church officials pointed out that Dr. Morrison served longer as head of a college or university than any other American college president now active.

Christian Reformed Church Record Budget Is Adopted

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—A record budget of $3,330,000 was adopted by the annual Synod of the Christian Reformed Church here.

The budget is in addition to the amount raised for local church needs. The per-family quota to raise this amount is $66.60 a year, a slight increase from the $65.80 last year. Of this amount $16.50 will be for foreign missions, $21.45 for home missions and $14.40 for Calvin college and seminary.

Rev. Tenis C. VanKooten of Hamilton, Ont., was elected president of the Synod, composed of 112 delegates from all parts of the country and Canada. He succeeds Rev. N. J. Monsma of Paterson, N.J.

Other officers chosen include Rev. William Haverkamp of Grand Rapids, vice-president; and Rev. Peter VanTuinen of Artesia, Cal., first clerk.

Delegates renamed Rev. John VanderPloeg editor of the *Banner,* denominational weekly publication. Rev. Harry Blystra of Grand Rapids was appointed acting secretary of home missions for one year.

In another action, the Synod approved Formosa as a new mission field and voted to send its first two missionaries there. A recommendation that the Synod also send its first missionaries to Cuba was tabled.

Education

College Students Revolt Against Church Control

DES MOINES, Ia.—(RNS)—Freedom from denominational control should be granted all church-related colleges, a group of students from 12 colleges and universities declared at the Quadrennial Convocation of Protestant Colleges here.

Members of a study commission presented their report, a year in the writing, to the concluding general session of the five-day gathering of 500 educators from all parts of the country.

The convocation was sponsored by the Commission on Higher Education of the National Council of Churches.

"The churches must be willing to grant their colleges the autonomy they must have to be free and open educational communities, uncontrolled by ecclesiastical, moralistic or authoritarian patterns and restrictions," the statement said.

Making a point that their concern for campus freedom did not involve minor restrictions, such as against dancing and smoking—which they termed "Mickey Mouse morals"—the students said the issues were on a much higher plane.

They insisted that they were more worried about academic freedom, loyalty oaths, compulsory chapel attendance, "gag rule" and "doctrinal line."

All colleges should resist forces which impinge upon their life as free communities of learners, their statement said. It identified these forces as

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sunday school

Assemblies Workers In Training School

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—The Assemblies of God Sunday School Department will sponsor the fifth annual Advanced Christian Training School August 25-29. Sessions will be held on the campus of Central Bible Institute in Springfield.

Some 175 Sunday School leaders and state directors are expected to attend the school. Classes will include subjects in administration, crafts, publicity and promotion, visual aids, and age-level studies.

Featured on the faculty will be the Rev. Charles Blair, pastor of Calvary Temple, Denver, Colo., and the Rev. Emil Balliet, recently appointed administrative assistant to the Assemblies of God foreign missions director. The staff will include 24 Sunday School specialists.

laymen

Lutheran Laymen's League Encourages "Family Altars"

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Building of "family altars" was encouraged at the June 29-July 2 convention in San Diego of the international Lutheran Laymen's League, largest Protestant lay organization of individual contributing members. A featured dramatic presentation, "The Christian Family," written and produced by the Rev. Robert Clausen of Gary, Ind., stressed the Christian growth value of the "family altar," or daily home devotions. Promotion of family altars is planned as a special League-wide project this year.

Reports on League projects such as The Lutheran Hour, Valparaiso University scholarships, youth leader training, seminars, personal evangelism, and the new LLL headquarters building in St. Louis were presented at the convention.

Affiliated with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the 102,000-member Lutheran Laymen's League has members in the United States, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, and Japan. It is dedicated to a broad program of Christian service.

missions

Orient Crusades Men Tour Latin America

LOS ANGELES—(E/P)—To survey the needs of the fastest growing area of the world's population (according to figures just released by the United Nations), Dr. Dick Hillis and Dr. Ray Stedman left Los Angeles by plane for Latin America on June 8.

As General Director of Orient Crusades, Dr. Hillis will confer with other mission leaders in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Argentina and Brazil regarding the future of his Mission's work in those countries. Dr. Stedman, pastor of the Peninsula Bible Church of Palo Alto, California, will conduct a Bible teaching ministry in each country visited.

Although Orient Crusades' major fields are in the Far East (Formosa, Philippines, and Vietnam), repeated requests of the Mission's specialized ministry in evangelism and literature led to the appointment of Dr. Don Hillis as field secretary for a new field in Argentina. Four missionaries have been appointed and an effective ministry is already under way through the *Light of Life* Bible Correspondence Course and the Gospel paper, *La Voz* (100,000 monthly circulation).

Upon his return from Latin America, Dick Hillis will be speaking in several summer Bible conferences before preparing to return with his family to his headquarters in Formosa some time in August.

Nixons Christen Missions Airplane for Philippines

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — Vice-president and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon took part in the christening and presentation of an airplane to a mission organization for use in the Philippine Islands.

Mayor Gordon S. Clinton of Seattle, Wash., presented the plane to President C. P. Garcia of the Philippines at the National Airport.

The plane will be used by the Summer Institute of Linguistics among remote Indian tribes in the islands. The organization reduces primitive languages to writing and translates the Scriptures into them.

Also participating in the ceremony was Undersecretary of Commerce Walter Williams. The plane, a Helio Courier, was the gift of the people of Seattle and was christened "The Spirit of Seattle" by Mrs. Garcia.

The Summer Institute of Linguistics, founded 20 years ago by Dr. W. Cameron Townsend, is also working in nearly 200 languages in Mexico, Australia and Vietnam. Its Jungle Aviation and Radio Service operates 18 planes in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia.

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Radio-TV

Missouri Synod TV Show Honored Again

DETROIT — (RNS) — "This Is the Life," weekly half-hour television program produced by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, received an award from the General Federation of Women's Clubs at the annual federation convention here.

Rev. E. T. Bernthal, Lutheran pastor here, accepted the award on behalf of the synod. It was the second consecutive year that the program had received a federation award.

"This Is the Life" is carried as a public service by more than 320 television stations in the USA, Canada and overseas. It is filmed in Hollywood by professionals and has been shown since October, 1952.

Missionary Radio Survey Is Planned

TALCOTTVILLE, Conn.—Beginning October 15, a long-range "on the spot" survey of Missionary Radio will be carried out by Dr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Jones, connected with pioneer missionary Radio Station HCJB, in Quito, Ecuador, since its beginning. During this survey, visits are planned to most of the missionary broadcasting stations on six continents, including recording studios, program centers and radio communication networks. In addition, the survey comprises those foreign commercial stations carrying religious programs prepared by national Christians as well as religious radio organizations in the United States and Canada.

The proposed itinerary is as follows: Mexico City—October 15, 1958; Central and South America—October 20, 1958 to January 30, 1959; Europe—February 15 to April 18, 1959; Africa—April 19 to May 6, 1959; India and South Pacific—May 28 to June 9, 1959; Australia and New Zealand—June 15 to October 15, 1959; Far East and Japan—October 17 to November 15, 1959; Return to USA—November 25, 1959.

When the survey is completed, a comprehensive report will be prepared, giving detailed facts that have been compiled concerning missionary radio and TV on a world-wide basis. The survey report will be made available to all mission societies and other groups interested in reaching the regions beyond by radio for the greater advance of the Gospel.

New Teen-slanted Radio Broadcast

WHEATON, Ill.—A new teen-slanted radio program called "Teen Time" and a special quarterly newspaper for high school students called *Teen Talk* are now being produced by Youth for Christ International, according to Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, president of the organization.

Produced and directed by Jack Daniel, YFCI vice-president for the Central States Area, "Teen Time" is now being heard on ten different stations across the country with others scheduled for the summer months. "Teen Time" uses actual teen-agers, including a teen-age ensemble directed by Kurt Kaiser, and presents a Youth for Christ personality as speaker each week. Thirteen programs are scheduled for the first series, Engstrom stated.

Teen Talk is produced by the Bible Club department of Youth for Christ International, directed by Jack Hamilton, and is distributed to high school students to encourage them to attend church and Youth for Christ meetings.

Public Affairs

President Urges Churches Observe "Citizenship Day"

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)—President Eisenhower has called on religious organizations to join with educational and civic groups in observance of Wednesday, Sept. 17, as Citizenship Day and the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week.

The events commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution at Philadelphia September 17, 1787.

The President in his proclamation asked that there be "appropriate ceremonies and activities in schools and churches" so that the American people may "manifest their gratitude for that historic week during September, 1787, during which our Constitution was signed."

"It is ever imperative," the President declared, "that our citizens, both native-born and naturalized, understand the significance of this great document so that they may give life and meaning to its principles."

CCAR to Poll Members On Church-State Stand

CHICAGO—(RNS)—The Central Conference of American Rabbis will poll its memership to determine whether the Reform group should modify its 66-year-old policy opposing all religious education in public schools.

Marking the first indication of a serious difference of opinion within the Conference, on the Church-State separation issue, the move was authorized in a resolution adopted by 500 delegates attending its annual convention here.

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It came after the conference's Commission on Church and State stressed in a report that while there was agreement among the membership on the organization's attitude "toward the grosser violations of the principle of separation, there is what appears a ground-swell of feeling that our historic policy should be more resilient and flexible."

In addition the Commission stressed that advocates of modification believed that "the CCAR stance of unremitting opposition to the teaching of moral and spiritual values with divine sanction in the public schools may be a mistaken policy." The report added:

"Their own experiences in the rough-and-tumble of the Church-State controversy have convinced them that the conference's attitude . . . is sterile and inadequate. From them has come the suggestion that the conference examine its historic position with a view of modifying it where modification seems indicated."

WORLD-WIDE

Gideons Report on Work in Hong Kong

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"Red" of Deepest Dye to Head Hungarian Church

BUDAPEST—Dr. Albert Bereczky, long known as one of the country's foremost pro-communist church leaders, was elected here as Ministerial President of the Hungarian Reformed Church. This is the largest Protestant body in the country.

Dr. Bereczky, who is Bishop of the Danubian District, was chosen at a full session of the General Convent, the Church's highest administrative body.

The elections marked the fulfillment of a pledge by the General Convent early in 1957 to remove the "counter-revolutionary" label from the Church. This was after a group of churchmen initiated moves in the wake of the October, 1956, revolt to purge the Church of all leaders branded as Communist collaborators.

An active supporter of Communist "peace" movements, Bishop Bereczky, who is 65, submitted his resignation as Bishop of the Danubian District at a meeting of district superintendents three months after the revolt. However, he later withdrew the resignation. Last December, he was given a high state decoration for his "loyalty" during the 1956 revolution.

In a report on the Hungarian Reformed Church, Dr. Bereczky told the meeting that the Budapest government would not tolerate any kind of political action inside the Church which is "contrary to the interests of the Hungarian people."

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VANCOUVER, B. C.—(RNS)—Lenin's books on Communism are now out-selling the Bible in Asia, Africa and in other parts of the world, a Pentecostal missionary expert claimed here.

The Rev. George R. Upton, national missionary secretary of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, said that with the great increase in literacy and wider distribution of Lenin's works, the Bible can no longer be called the world's "best-seller."

He addressed more than 400 delegates from all parts of Canada attending the denomination's 21st biennial General Conference. The delegates represented 600 Pentecostal churches with about 130,000 members.

Mr. Upton said that a major challenge to the Christian world today is the "battle of literature." Only by a vast increase in Christian literature all over the world, he said, can "we win the contest for men's minds and souls."

A committee of six ministers was named at the meeting to conduct a two-year study of the Pentecostal position on divorce and re-marriage.

In another action, the conference gave its unanimous support to the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada which is strongly opposing proposed legislation in British Columbia to legalize commercial sports on Sunday.

Personalia

A. J. Metzler, publishing agent of the Mennonite Publication Board, has been named Secretary for Literature Evangelism of the Board of Missions and Charities of the Mennonite Church. The board has adopted a budget of $1,250,000 for the current year.

David Benson, 29-year-old graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary, unusually proficient in the Russian language, is beaming half-hour Gospel broadcasts to Russia from Radio Tangier twice each week.

Leo M. Thornton, pastor of First Evangelical United Brethren Church Eugene, Ore., has resigned to become Vice President of the Western Evangelical Seminary. He has been active in the General Conference of his denomination and in the work of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Roscoe B. Townsend has been appointed official field representative of the Bible Meditation League for the State of Kentucky. He is making his headquarters in Wilmore, Ky.

Rex Steward Lindquist, recently pastor of the Church of the Open Door in Denver, Colo., is dedicating himself to a Bible Conference ministry in interim pastorates. Pastor Lindquist has taught in Omaha Bible Institute and was the founder of Rocky Mountain Bible Institute.

Robert E. Naylor, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., has been elected president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Armin C. Oldsen, director of religious education at Concordia High School, Ft. Wayne, Ind., is the summer speaker on the Lutheran Hour over Mutual, NBC and independent stations July 13-September 14.

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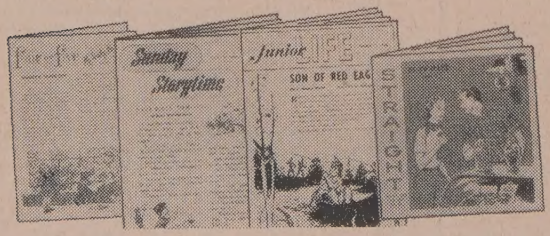

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San Francisco Crusade

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Today it can be said that Christian unity in the San Francisco area is very real, for it is established at the Cross of Christ. Perhaps it is true that churches are like steel, and can only come together at white heat. Certainly pastors surveying the scene now that the Graham team has left for a week's rest at Monterey Peninsula, can say with conviction that a spiritual explosion has taken place. They have not forgotten the warning that Dr. Graham left in his final message at Seals Stadium, "Satan would like nothing better than to get us at each other's throats again!" Yet with a statewide tour of California cities in prospect, including an eight-day Crusade in Sacramento, Christians were taking new hope that the fifty-year-old prophecy of a Methodist bishop, Warren Candler, would come to pass:

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